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A PROCLAMATION

Discharging the Levying and Transporting any Men for the Warrs beyond Seas.

CHARLES *by the Grace of God, King of great* Britain, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith, to* Macer *or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally, Specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch, as it being represented to Us that a number of Men are levyed in this Kingdom for the service of* France, *whereof some are landed there, and moe are expected for the same purpose; and the Men are clapt up in Prisons, and detained untill there be an opportunity to send them away to* France. *And as we are confident that our Privy Council of this Kingdom have not given the least authority for making Levyes contrair to our Treaties, and to that Neutrality, which, as Mediator, We are resolved to keep: We have thought fit, upon this occasion to renew our positive Commands, That our Council be careful that no men be levyed or sent out of* Scotland *by any contrivance whatsoever. Likeis We, with advice of the Lords of our Privy Council, do command and charge, That none of our Subjects or others within this Kingdom presume to levy or transport any men out of our said Kingdom upon any pretence whatsoever, unto the service of any beyond the Sea now in war. And we strictly require all the* Magistrates *and* Officers *of our Customs in all the Sea-Ports of this Kingdom, to be careful in their several Jurisdictions, that this our Command be punctually obeyed. And further, We, with advice foresaid, do command and require the* Magistrates *of Burghs immediately to set at liberty any men whom they shall find to be keeped in Prison in order to their transportation, and to return to our Council the names of any persons so imprisoned, and the names of these who apprehended them. And ordains these presents to be Printed and Published at the Mercat-Cross of* Edinburgh, *and other places needful, that none pretend ignorance. Given under our Signet at* [illegible] *the* 18. *day of* January, 1677. *and of our Reign the two* [illegible]

GOD Save the King.

Edinburgh, [illegible] *Andrew Anderson,* [illegible]